



# Superfund and You

## CDM: Supporting EPA in Libby

Environmental cleanup, particularly at the Libby Asbestos site, is very complex. Every complicated construction project requires contractor support- both on and off site- to provide additional staffing and expertise to help plan and carry out a variety of tasks. Most people are surprised to find out how much work goes on behind the scenes at Superfund sites.

People often ask about what CDM brings to the cleanup. In Libby, CDM has supported EPA since 1999 on many tasks including: sampling and analysis, data management, engineering support, property specific designs and construction plans, worker health and safety, scheduling and public involvement. These tasks and more must be carefully coordinated to ensure the work meets EPA's technical goals and is responsive to community needs.

CDM staffs the EPA Information Center, which has been a resource for Libby citizens throughout the investigation and cleanup. Their local community involvement coordinators (CICs) facilitate temporary relocation and communication so that residents are informed and involved in the cleanup process. Many of you have met with the CICs and have told us how much you appreciate their help. CDM also provides support to EPA on other outreach activities.

As EPA continues the Remedial Investigation to determine the extent of Libby asbestos contamination across the site, CDM has supported us in some key ways. CDM conducted the Contaminant Screening Study, inspecting and sampling more than 4200 properties. CDM helped EPA develop new, reliable, and cost-effective methods for analyzing the samples. They will support us on additional sampling aimed at understanding more about how people may be exposed to asbestos. This sampling will begin soon.

Specifically, CDM supports EPA's cleanup contractors in the following ways:

- CDM identifies which properties have Libby Asbestos, where it is found and how much is present.
- CDM oversees the tracking of more than 50,000 samples from taking the sample to the time the results go out to the residents.
- CDM develops property-specific work plans that workers follow to clean up each property in the most efficient way possible.
- CDM schedules and manages the cleanup work from start to finish.
- CDM is responsible for making sure health and safety plans are followed so workers remain safe.
- CDM does clearance sampling after the cleanup to ensure the cleanup is complete.

There are 27 long-term CDM team members in Libby now, 10 of whom are local hires. They and their families shop locally, attend local schools and churches, and support local charitable causes.

CDM's project management has been recognized nationally by several prestigious engineering organizations that have given the Team awards for their Libby work.

The Libby cleanup team includes project managers, scientists, data managers, cleanup and oversight contractors, lawyers and community involvement coordinators. EPA, Volpe, CDM and several cleanup contractors must work together in a complex web of activities to ensure that Libby residents get a thorough, high quality cleanup.

If you have questions on CDM's involvement, please visit the EPA Information Center, at 501 Mineral Avenue.